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Garden project digs for a home

By Jena Torres

DAILY STAFF WRITER

It is easy to see that Professor Barbara Gordon feels passionate about the Garden Project on campus.

While talking in the garden, located outside of the Central Classroom building, it is hard for Gordon to sit still.

She walks around tending to the garden, pulling off and offering samples of fresh snap peas and herbs.

While using her hands to dig through a compost pile, she excitedly picks up "red wiggler" worms, explaining that they turn garden clippings into fertilizer.

Meanwhile, the faint aroma of the onion-like Chinese chives wafts through the garden, which houses a variety of plants and vegetables including beets, cabbage, kale, broccoli and herbs.

Gordon, a professor in the nutrition and food sciences department, said she has been using the garden to teach her students about the physical and mental health benefits of gardening for seven years.

The future of the garden is uncertain, however, because the space it occupies belongs to the occupational therapy department, she said.

"When I came to this campus eight years ago I noticed it," Gordon said. "I went to the people in the occupational therapy department and asked if I could use the space and they said, 'Sure, let's share.' I started getting students involved, and with help I was able to clean and build a real garden space."

She said the space was previously overgrown with plants and was "basically used for nothing."

Along with students from the nutrition department, Gordon said the occasional occupational therapy client who has chosen gardening as his or her means of therapy comes into the garden to plant flowers and vegetables.

About one year ago, Gordon Burton, the chairperson of the occupational therapy department, said the department was going to open a pediatric clinic on campus, she said.

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RUNNING NEWS



Troy Bayless / Daily Staff

Master runners at the annual Press Run depart the starting line on a 10k run. The winners averaged about 30 minutes to complete the course, and first place received \$1,000.

One dollar of entry fees for womens charities

By Karen Kabiling

DAILY STAFF WRITER

On most Sunday mornings, Discovery Meadows is an empty grassland in front of the Children's Discovery Museum in downtown San Jose.

But not March 11.

By 10:30 a.m., about 6,000 runners and walkers who participated in the 24th annual San Jose Mercury News Press Run plopped onto the grassy area to rest, stretch and relax while enjoying the sounds of country-rock band 12 Gage and complimentary sports massages, body fat testing, fruit and Gatorade bars.

People from across the state joined California's largest sanctioned 10K event—whether they were dog lovers, professional runners, long-distance runners or just trying to get back in shape.

Despite the rule prohibiting animals on the race course, San Jose State University

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Teachers learn from adaptive therapy workshop

By Yesenia Santana

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Educators, administrators and coaches who deal with students who can't sit in their assigned spots in the gym for a certain time could have found Barry Lavy's workshop about adapted physical education informative.

"I decided to attend this workshop because I feel it will enhance my teaching by decreasing behavior problems," said Adrian Torres, a graduate student who teaches kinesiology.

"I thought the workshop was effective in promoting positive ways of dealing with behavioral problems."

Lavy, an adapted physical education professor from Cal State Long Beach, conducted a workshop in adapted physical education Wednesday.

"I just absolutely fell in love

with it," he said.

Adapted physical education is intended to prepare physical education majors to meet the needs of students with disabilities in mental, sensory, physical, emotional, health, learning and or multiple disabilities.

Lavy has been internationally known for his work in behavior management for more than 15 years.

His workshop focused on preventing behavior problems, maintaining appropriate conduct and the ability to deal effectively with misbehavior when it occurs in the classroom or at the gym.

"I decided to attend this workshop because I feel it will enhance my teaching by decreasing behavior problems."

—Adrian Torres, graduate student

Lavy had intentions of becoming a basketball and cross-country coach at the beginning of his career.

He applied for a job at a high school where the only job available was teaching adapted physical education.

"I had very little experience working with kids with disabilities," Lavy said. "But I took the job. Then I got into this job and I said, 'If I'm a good P.E. teacher, I can teach anybody.'"

There are about 150 professors throughout the country teaching adapted physical education, according to Lavy.

Lavy, who said he has appreciated physical activity since he was a child, said a challenge facing physical educators today deals with determining how to promote appropriate student behavior.

He said the idea behind his workshops is to make adapted physical educators more effective in their careers.

Lavy, who has been conducting workshops and lectures since the early '80s, said the reason beginning educators leave the profession is their inability to manage and motivate their students.

During the workshop, Lavy told the audience to take command

of their classes and create an atmosphere conducive to learning for disabled students.

One of the issues Lavy addressed during the workshop was necessary methods of increasing student behavior.

The workshop allowed students and others to meet new people after the session.

"I attended this conference with the Adapted Physical Activity Club," said Brian Elliott, a junior majoring in kinesiology. "I found the conference informative and an excellent way to network."

"There are many current teachers who work in the field in attendance," Elliott said. "I also see behavior management as an important issue with today's youth and education."

Nancy L. Megginson, a human performance professor, in conjunc-

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Yoshie Sejima / Daily Staff

Tashi Chodron, middle with megaphone, vice president of Bay Area Friends of Tibet, leads a group of people to protest China's human rights abuses and violations of religious freedoms against the people of Tibet. The group rallied in front of the Chinese Consulate in San Francisco on Saturday for the 42nd Bay Area Tibetan National Uprising Day. Since 1959, March 10 has been known as Tibetan Uprising Day.

Tibetans commemorate 42-year-old uprising

By Kevin Higuchi

DAILY STAFF WRITER

SAN FRANCISCO — Marking the 42nd anniversary of the day thousands of Tibetans fled to escape China's communist rule, hundreds of people gathered to protest Saturday.

Many Tibetans and people from various organizations congregated for those who were not able to escape and have yet to experience freedom.

"Today is in commemoration of the Tibetan National Uprising on March 10, 42 years ago," said Tashi Chondron, a board member of the Bay Area Friends of Tibet who marched, and a Tibetan whose grandfather was killed in the 1959 uprising.

In 1959 the Tibetans began to protest against China, which resulted in thousands of Tibetans being killed, Chondron said.

To avoid assassination, Tibet's religious leader, the Dalai Lama, fled over the Himalayan Moun-

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—Tashi Chondron
member of the Bay Area Friends of Tibet

tains to India in 1959, said Barbara Green, a board member of the Bay Area friends of Tibet, a non-profit organization that works to try to spread the word to free Tibet.

People gathered dressed in colorful dresses and Chupas, traditional robes worn by Tibetans, and waved the Tibetan flag chanting, "Free Tibet" and "Shame on China."

Many Tibetan women wore colorful aprons to signify their marriage as well.

Giovanni Vassallo, the secretary and board member of the

Bay Area Friends of Tibet, said the event has happened every year for the last 42 years and is celebrated worldwide.

The large group made stops to speak at Union Square, San Francisco's City Hall and finished at the Chinese Consulate.

At 1:30 p.m. the group of protesters congregated on the steps of City Hall and passed out fliers about Tibet while continuing their chants.

They then marched four blocks to Geary Street, where they met in front of the Chinese Consulate.

Outside of the Chinese Consulate, the marching and chanting stopped as all the Tibetans gathered to pray in front of a picture of the Dalai Lama.

They seemed to put their anger behind them as they put their hands together and sang their prayers.

Megery Harrer, the special assistant to Congressman Tom Lantos, spoke on behalf of Lantos in front of the Chinese Consulate.

She spoke about her faith that there are some representatives in the consulate who feel sympathy for Tibet and who will one day be in power and change the situation in Tibet.

She also stated that uniting for this protest is the strongest weapon for Tibet and was hopeful that all the demonstrations around the world would help China to see its mistakes.

Harrer's presentation was followed by a skit performed by the

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Editorial

San Jose has bigger priorities than landmarks

Administrators can learn from provost's actions

Provost Marshall Goodman did something new Wednesday. He set up camp in the Seventh Street plaza and met with students.

Why? He wanted our opinions. He wanted to know what was important to us.

He wanted to help. Could it be that someone is actually listening to the students? If you think about it, the idea is a good one.

To find out what the students wanted, Goodman actually went out and made himself available.

Someone said he wanted longer hours at Clark Library for studying. The provost said it was a "quick fix."

Just like that, an issue that a student feels is a problem at the university was told to one of the higher-ups.

What a nifty idea: administrators asking the students what they want — it should happen more often.

Not just the provost, but other administrators, such as university President Robert Caret, should stand out in the open where students congregate and make themselves available.

Imagine being able to speak to the university president and telling him the cafeteria food sucks.

Maybe he could help change that. Or telling Associated Students members that they're not representing what the student body really needs.

Then being able to tell them what we do need and want at this campus.

Imagine a university that is actually informed as to what the students desire, and caters to them.

Maybe we wouldn't feel as if we were robbed blind every time fee increases roll around.

Maybe we would be more involved in the goings-on of the campus because we felt as if we're a part of it.

Maybe we would feel as if our opinions counted.

Listen to the students, administrators.

Make yourselves available.

There's a wealth of ideas out there waiting to be plucked by the students of this campus.

But until the idea catches on, we only see one person listening.

Quote for the Daily:

"Procrastination is the art of keeping up with yesterday."

— Don Marquis

Legend has it that while visiting Western Europe and mingling with its noble families, Peter the Great, ruler of Russia, was fascinated by the shrubs and hedges that were cut in the shapes of animals.

Peter the Great then had the plants uprooted and sent back to Russia so the mysterious shrubs could be studied. Russia needed to know how those plants grew into specific shapes.

Sigh. To be a witness to such comedy would be priceless.

Thankfully, the ridiculousness of the world continues, and the silliness of human action is present everywhere.

I caught some of it myself last week in a field trip to San Jose City Hall.

Forced to submit myself to bureaucrats and politicians in action, I found myself nodding off sometime after the argument to take away a gas station's driveway.

Yes, that driveway, which is somewhere on 10th Street, is one of San Jose's greatest concerns right now. The driveway problem ranks above issues such as a new City Hall that costs a quarter of a billion dollars and a sputtering tech industry, but it's below the need for a cool landmark to identify the city.

And that's when I remembered the legend of Peter the Great.

A bloke came up to the podium and mentioned to Mayor Ron Gonzales and the City Council that San Jose needs something cool so it can be remembered like Paris and its Eiffel Tower, New York City and its Statue of Liberty and Seattle and its Space Needle.

D.S. PEREZ

BORN UNDER A BAD SIGN

I guess San Jose State University, the Quetzalcoatl Statue and the Knight Rider building aren't up to snuff when compared to Harvard, the Statue of David or the Sears Tower.

I can see the guy's reasoning. This city is considered the capital of the Silicon Valley. And that's about it.

San Jose is the bustling but faceless burg once known for agribusiness and selling staples such as prunes and garlic. It happens to be between the mammoth metropolis of Los Angeles and the smaller-but-tutored city of San Francisco.

Now San Jose is known for having the tech industry in its midst. It's growing. It's a metropolis in the making, and it needs something with which to identify it other than an industry — see Pittsburgh for an example of that folly.

Unfortunately, I don't see a reason for the city to plan for a landmark. And what the hell could anyone come up with?

Well, I could suggest taking that gas station's garage and turning it into the world's largest iMac computer monitor. It's away from the hub of downtown and the setting might not be ideal, but hey, it could rival New York's Times Square.

Imagine driving by and seeing your favorite Web site or video game pop up on a gigantic teal-and-silver monitor, reminding everyone that that's the gizmo from a local company that made Silicon Valley — hell, San Jose — what it is.

Just keep the hackers far away from the monument; they may defile it with porn sites or subject us to watch a download of Metallica mp3s.

Bah. Personally, I don't care for landmarks. They're a waste of space and can be easily put to shame. Case in point, the Arc de Triomphe in Paris. Not exactly a monument of French pride when one of the most famous pictures of it has Adolf Hitler and the Nazis driving under it.

Also, I come from Los Angeles, a city that has the following as landmarks: the Hollywood sign, a movie theater with a Chinese motif and Randy's Donuts shop.

Quite tacky, no? All of them are as bad as my iMac idea.

But it's not the buildings or architecture that make a city memorable, it's what you can do in the city that counts.

Take, for instance, living in the midst of bright lights and casino action in Las Vegas, which is actually a hellhole when you take away those casinos — some of which serve as the city's landmarks. But the city isn't fun to live in if you're not a gambler or if you're under 21.

And that's what this town really needs: more options. In San Jose, you can see the Sharks play, you can go to the Tech Museum, and you can ... you can ... someone throw me a frickin' bone here, people ... oh yeah, sing that song "Do You Know the Way to San Jose."

Putting a nice monument somewhere is not going to address this problem. A city isn't measured by the art it puts up. A landmark doesn't mean crap, aside from being on a postcard to hawk to tourists.

And hell, an expensive carving or art piece might get busted up like the statue of Christopher Columbus in City Hall, which got attacked by some guy wielding a sledgehammer last week.

City planners and daydreamers can be like Peter the Great and gawk at those monuments.

They can wonder if the Sphinx gave birth to Cairo, Egypt, or if Seattle's Space Needle poked a hole into the rain clouds, causing Starbucks Coffee to pour from the heavens, thus bringing in Microsoft and Nintendo to take residence on the city's limits.

But there are bigger problems to address, and focusing on those issues will help this city prosper.

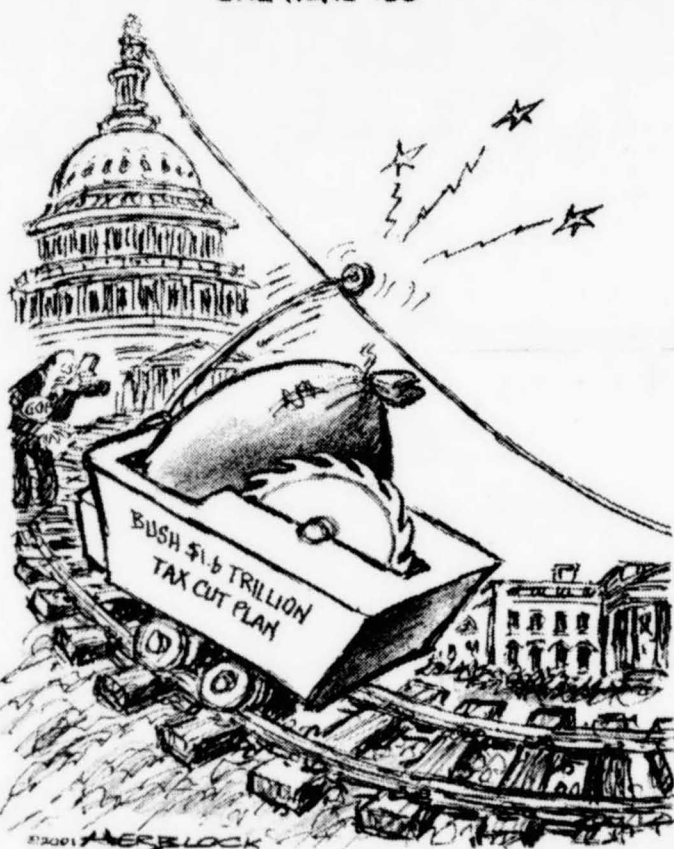
Like keeping San Jose clean, a far cry from its 1970s image — drug addicts, bums and whores running amok on the downtown streets. Putting something to replace that empty, yuppie eyesore, the Pavilion, would also be a good idea.

And last, but not least, taking away that driveway on 10th Street would be the end all for every civic problem.

Maybe.

D.S. Perez is a Spartan Daily Senior Staff Writer. "Born Under A Bad Sign" appears Mondays.

"ABOUT POWER SHORTAGES — WE MAY HAVE ONE HERE TOO"



Changes within lifestyle create friendship gaps

I think I owe an apology to every one of my friends. I have horrible feeling in my heart that I haven't been there for them as of late, and it's weighing me down.

In the midst of juggling five classes, working at the Daily and trying to get enough sleep to keep me reasonably sane, I think I've forgotten about the friends who have guided me this far in life.

I can still remember my best friend from elementary school.

Back then, when I relied on my young, naive mentality, I thought she and I would never drift apart.

We were birds of a feather: We shared the same taste in wardrobe — God, we would give anything if our parents would just buy us the overpriced, yet nifty L.A. Gear sneakers with the pink and black "flames" on the side.

We were both in love with New Kids on the Block and constantly argued who was cuter: Jordan Knight or Joey McIntyre. But mostly, we were each other's moral support, holding in high regard the little wisdom we accumulated throughout our first decade of life, and sought out that wisdom when times got rough.

Of course, our problems were trite. Yet, for two girls stuck in an awkward pre-pubescent stage, the fear of being picked last for a team was infinite torture.

I hadn't spoken to my friend for 10 years.

Although we tried relentlessly to keep in touch after I moved out of the neighborhood and switched schools, the distance eventually took its toll on our friendship.

She moved on with her life, without me, as I did without her.

Then, about a year ago, I saw her again.

She's a student at this university.

It was the weirdest feeling running into her. We couldn't help but be formal and exchange shallow information about ourselves. As we stood outside trying to conjure up more things to say, I wondered if I'd ever feel comfortable enough to delve further into her life.

It baffled me — why couldn't I think of anything worthy to say to this girl who was so close to me at one point? And, in that moment of silent curiosity, I knew I wasn't the only one feeling odd.

MINAL GANDHI

UNRAVEL

As I walked away that day, nostalgia swept over me.

While the past unraveled in my head, I began to wonder how different my life would be if I tried harder to keep in touch with my friend — if it would be any more fulfilling.

I don't know, but I know history is beginning to repeat itself.

I feel a rift widening between some of my current friends and me.

Whenever I talk to some of my high-school pals on the phone, I find that I have less in common with them.

Conversations lack the zest that all of us once had when sharing the new happenings in our lives. Talk surrounding mundane topics such as work and their reckless behavior take precedence over long, intimate discussions about their future dreams and ambitions. And phone calls frequently include eerie silences that become increasingly unsettling as time passes.

I feel like I'm losing them. And to make matters worse, they aren't the only ones with whom I'm losing touch.

There are numerous others who have had a significant impact on my existence that I hardly see these days.

Friends who taught me to laugh in the face of life's misfortunes.

Friends who showed me I was so much greater — physically and mentally — than I gave myself credit for.

And friends who, time and time again, led me to believe that I can attain my lifelong goals.

Experiencing a deterioration of friendship at a young age was difficult.

Realizing it was even tougher.

But now, completely losing touch with the people who got me here would be the hardest thing to accept.

Minal Gandhi is the Spartan Daily Opinion Editor. "Unravel" appears Mondays.

Spartan Guide

Today

School of Art and Design

Student galleries art exhibitions, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Art and Industrial Studies buildings. For more information, call John or Nicole at 924-4330.

Clark Library

Book giveaway. Thousands of duplicate library books for free, by appointment, at SJSU Senter Road storage facility, located at 1875 Senter Road, Building B. For more information, call Celia Bakke at 924-2715.

SJSU Geology Club

Speaker: Kathleen Nicoli from Chevron Petroleum Technology Company, 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Duncan

Hall, Room 306. For more information, call Halle Morrison at 924-5232.

Associated Students

Online scholarship applications at <http://scholarships.sjsu.edu>. For more information, call Maria Murphy at 924-6240.

Nurses Christian Fellowship

Support group/meeting, 11 a.m. in the Montalvo room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Diane Steimer at 279-6385.

MEChA Raza Day Committee

Everybody is welcome to our meetings to contribute ideas to a successful Raza Day for high school recruitment, college and career workshops, speakers

and entertainment, 2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Chicano Resource Center, located in Modular A. For more information, call Antonio at (510) 715-6113.

Muslim Students Association

SFSU Professor Zaid Ansari will discuss basic beliefs of Islam, 2 p.m. in the Costanoan room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Faten Hijazi at 738-5940.

Linguistics and Language Development Students Association (LLDSA)

Meeting, 1 p.m. in the Pacheco room, located in the Student Union. For more information, call David Kaufman at 266-8946.

Nutrition Education Action Team (NEAT)

"Nutrition Issues for Today's College Student," part of the Fourth Annual NEAT Nutrition Awareness Month Health Fair, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Student Union. For more information, call Christina at 298-8596.

Leopard Circle African Music Society

Learn African and Caribbean drums and songs, 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Music building, Room 186. For more information, call Julian Gerstin at 924-4660.

Today

MOSAIC — SJSU Multicultural Center

A celebration of Women's History Month — Poetry Reading by Roopa Ramamoorthi, 8 p.m. in the Multicultural Center, located in the Student Union. For more information, call Eric Augnon at 924-6255.

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Spartans down Illini; Piraro ties school wins record

By Julian J. Ramos

DAILY STAFF WRITER

Spartan head baseball coach Sam Piraro tied the school record for career wins Saturday in a 4-1 win against the University of Illinois at Municipal Stadium.

Saturday's Score

Illini	1
Spartans	4

Tuesday: SJSU at USF 2 p.m.

Piraro, who notched his 467th win, tied his former coach, Gene Menges.

The win is the Spartans' sixth in a row and concluded a two-game sweep of the Illini.

Pitcher Jeremy Rogelstad (2-1) tossed a complete game for the second consecutive start. He gave up nine hits, struck out six and walked only one batter.

"Illinois is a good-hitting ball club," Piraro said of the defending Big Ten Conference champions. "He out-competed them in crucial situations."

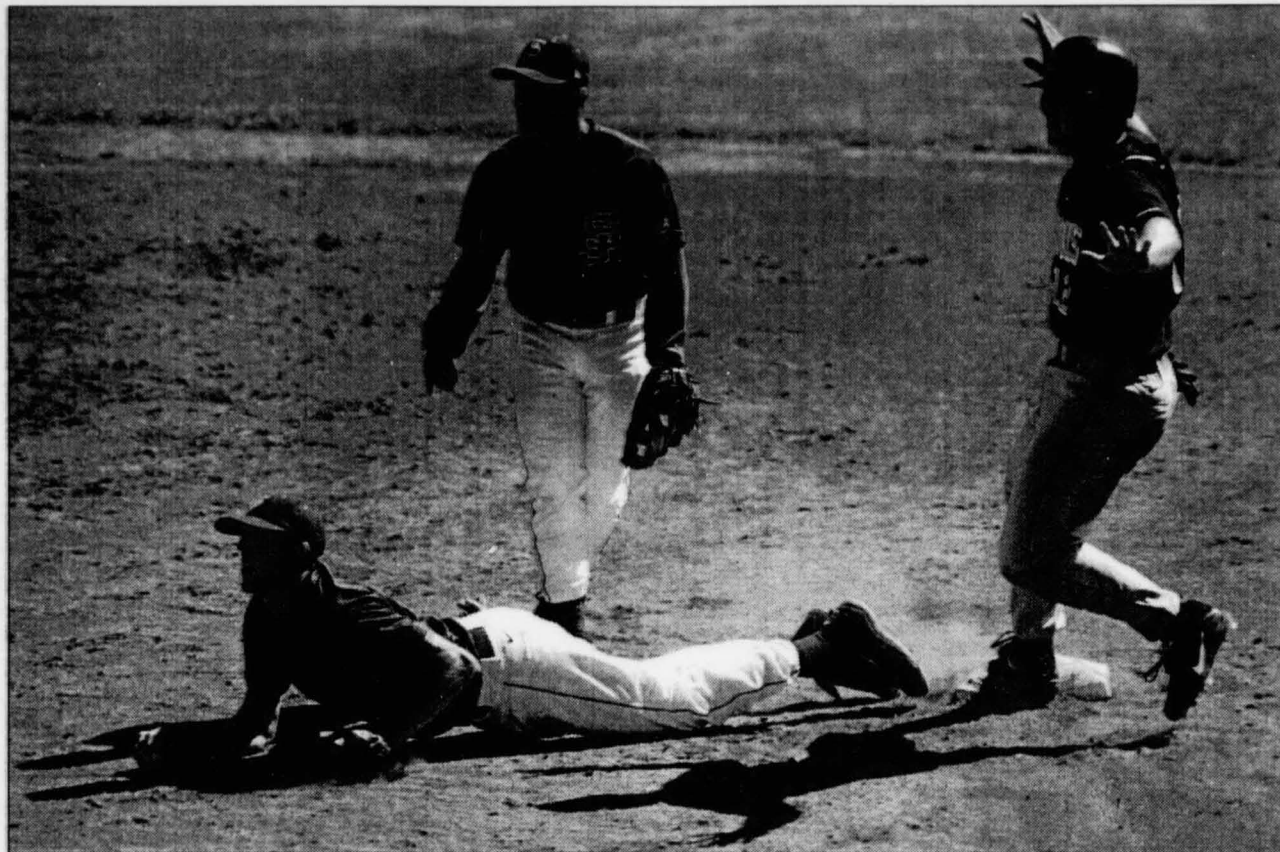
Rogelstad was backed up by a Spartan defense that converted six double plays.

"I tried to make them hit ground balls," Rogelstad said. "The infield did my work for me."

Offensively, the Spartans pounded out 11 hits, including home runs by first baseman John Fagan and second baseman Gabe Lopez. Both have three home runs for the season.

Lopez scored the game's first run in the bottom of the first inning.

After leading off with a single,



Mark Kocina / Daily Staff

Spartan infielders Ryan Adams, with ball, and Gabe Lopez wait for the umpire's call while the University of Illinois' Luke Simmons signals that he is safe. Simmons was right, but the Spartans won Saturday's game 4-1 at Municipal Stadium.

Lopez moved to second following center fielder Ryan Brucker's walk.

Both runners advanced one

base after Illini starting pitcher Andy Dickinson threw a wild pitch that got past catcher Jeff Gertz, while left fielder Junior

Ruiz was at bat.

Ruiz then smacked a single through the left side of the Illinois infield to bring Lopez home

for a 1-0 San Jose State University lead.

The Illini tied the game in the top of the second inning on a

bases-loaded sacrifice fly to right field off the bat of shortstop Andy Hilligoss, which brought left fielder Rob Fischer home.

In the bottom of the fourth inning, Illini relief pitcher Dave Mazurek, in his second inning of work, quickly retired the first two SJSU batters.

Just as quick, the Spartans put two runs on the scoreboard.

Designated hitter Zack Zwissig's drive to deep right-center field bounced off the glove of right fielder Greg Belcher, allowing Zwissig to reach third base standing up.

With two-strikes against him, the next batter, Fagan, homered to left-center field, increasing the Spartans' lead to 3-1.

"I was trying to put something in play," Fagan said. "Luckily, I was able to get it over the wall."

An inning later, Lopez added to the Spartan lead with a solo home run.

Lopez, a transfer from Cerritos College, is tied with Ruiz and Fagan for second place to team leader shortstop Ryan Adams (4) with three home runs.

"It put us in a better situation," Lopez said.

The Spartans are scheduled to begin a 12-game road trip, which begins Tuesday, against the University of San Francisco.

The Dons visited San Jose earlier this season, holding SJSU to four hits and leaving town with a 4-2 win.

The Spartans (13-6-1) will attempt to even the season series with livelier bats the second time around, Lopez said.

"We are playing a lot better baseball now," he said. "Our pitching was there, but our bats weren't awake."

Ailing tennis squad smashes T-Birds

By George Moore

DAILY STAFF WRITER

After losing two of three matches on a road trip against the University of Hawaii's last week, the San Jose State University women's tennis team defeated Southern Utah 6-1 last Friday.

The Spartans, whose overall record is 4-7, played with two players either sick or injured.

Caroline Stenman played with a flu virus and Helen Van wore ice bags on her shins after her match.

Stenman, the No. 1 singles player, won her doubles match with Coral Silverstone 8-3, but had to forfeit in singles play after losing three games.

"It's a little bit different with doubles, because my partner can

intercept the ball and keep it in play," Stenman said. "And she was serving really well today."

Van has been suffering from shinsplints since the beginning of February, but it hasn't kept her off the tennis court.

"I started out the season really well — probably the best I've ever played," said Van, who is the No. 4 singles player.

Van and her teammate Anna Nordell won their doubles match 8-3, and Van won 6-3, 6-2 in her singles match.

"Since my injury, my shins have just been getting worse," Van said. "The only solution is rest, and I just can't do that because there's only six players on our team."

Van said her injury has affected her game but unfortunately she doesn't think her shins will

be improving anytime soon.

Aside from the various injuries and illnesses the Spartans have had to overcome, one thing that has improved is the team's ability to stay focused when it plays, said Spartan head coach Anh-Dao Nguyen.

She credits new assistant coach Todd Dissly with the Spartans' improvement.

"He's been really helpful with the mental part of the game, helping the players to stay positive when they play," Nguyen said.

Nordell, the No. 2 singles player, shut out her opponent in straight sets 6-0, 6-0. No. 5 singles player Vanessa Pinot won 6-0, 6-1 and Riley, the No. 6 singles player, won 6-2, 6-0.

In the rest of the doubles action, Pinot and Riley won 8-3.

Silverstone, who won her singles match 6-3, 6-1, also offered kudos to Dissly, who has helped coach the team in its last five matches.

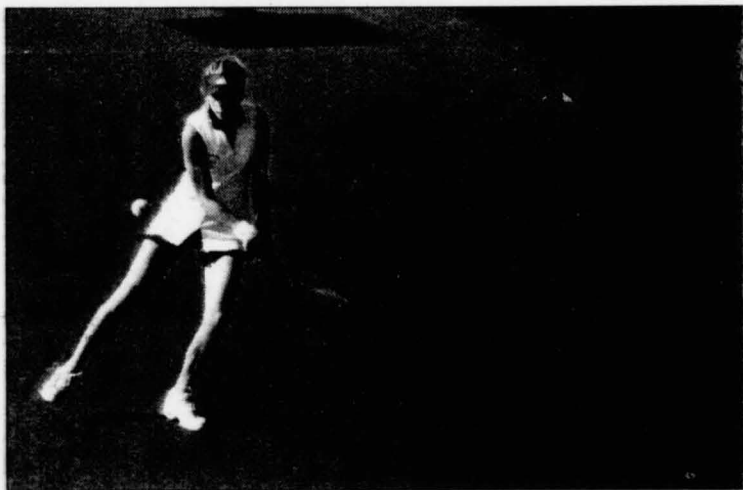
"We had a bad start to our season, but we're doing much better now," Silverstone said. "I think our assistant coach has helped a lot with our game."

Dissly said it was nice to get a victory after the tough road trip.

"It's good to get a win and get the players some confidence back," he said.

Nguyen said the Spartans have a tough schedule this year, but there are enough matches returning to turn their season around.

The Spartans finish their homestand when they face Gonzaga at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Los Gatos Racquet Club.



Chad Pilster / Daily Staff

Spartan tennis player Anna Nordell hits the ball in her 6-0 win against Southern Utah's Jennifer Case on Friday at the Los Gatos Racquet Club.

Gymnastics team sets two records in victory

By Yesenia Santana

DAILY STAFF WRITER

The Spartan gymnastics team defeated Seattle Pacific University while setting two records, winning all four events and capturing the all-around in a dual meet Friday at Spartan Gym.

San Jose State University finished first with 194.900, its season highest, against the Falcons, who scored 191.450.

"They hit almost every routine to the best of their potential and scored a school record," said SJSU head coach Jackie Walker. "They're on a great season."

The Spartans set records on the uneven parallel bars and floor exercise with scores of 48.825 and 48.975, respectively.

Shiria Choy, who placed second in the all-around, broke her own record on the uneven parallel bars as she scored 9.900

and took third place in the floor exercise with a score of 9.775.

"It was awesome," said Choy, a freshman majoring in human performance, "I loved it."

Spartan assistant coach Steve Wilken said he had high expectations for Choy.

"We are expecting higher scores for her on bars," Wilken said.

Danielle Albright led the Spartans to victory by finishing on top in four of five events.

She finished first on the floor exercise, tying her own record of 9.990.

Albright, who took first place in the all-around with a score of 39.325, said her career accomplishments have been attained by "training hard — pushing myself as hard as I can."

Wilken, a Cal State Hayward graduate, said Albright is one of SJSU's more solid performers.

"She just seems to be able to

perform and not make any major mistakes," said Wilken. "She's always been contributing to the team."

Albright also took first place in the vault with a score of 9.800, and tied teammate Tracy Cheshier for first place on the balance beam, scoring 9.850.

It was the Falcons' second straight loss against the Spartans this season.

Falcon senior Erin Kawasaki said her team was not having its best season, but did well Friday.

Kawasaki tied Albright for third place on the uneven bars, scoring 9.775.

"We were happy with our scores," Kawasaki said.

Cassie Althausen, an SPU gymnast, said she prefers competing at home.

"We were pretty solid tonight," said Althausen, who tied third on the balance beam, with Choy scoring 9.800.

The teams contested in four

events: vault, uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise.

In the win, the Spartans broke the 190-point mark for the eighth time this season.

Wilken said he hopes the Spartans end the season strong.

"We've broken so many records this year," Wilken said. "It's amazing they have been able to do it, considering some of the injuries."

The team's next match is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday at the Spartan Gym against UC Berkeley.

Friday is the last dual match scheduled this season for the Spartans.

The last time the Spartans and Bears faced each other was Jan. 19 in the Silicon Valley Gymnastics Classic.

The Bears won the event with a score of 194.400, and the Spartans placed third, scoring 191.975.



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Tracy Cheshier completes a move on the balance beam during a meet against Seattle Pacific University on Friday at Spartan Gym. The Spartans' next meet will be against Cal on Mar. 16 at Spartan Gym.

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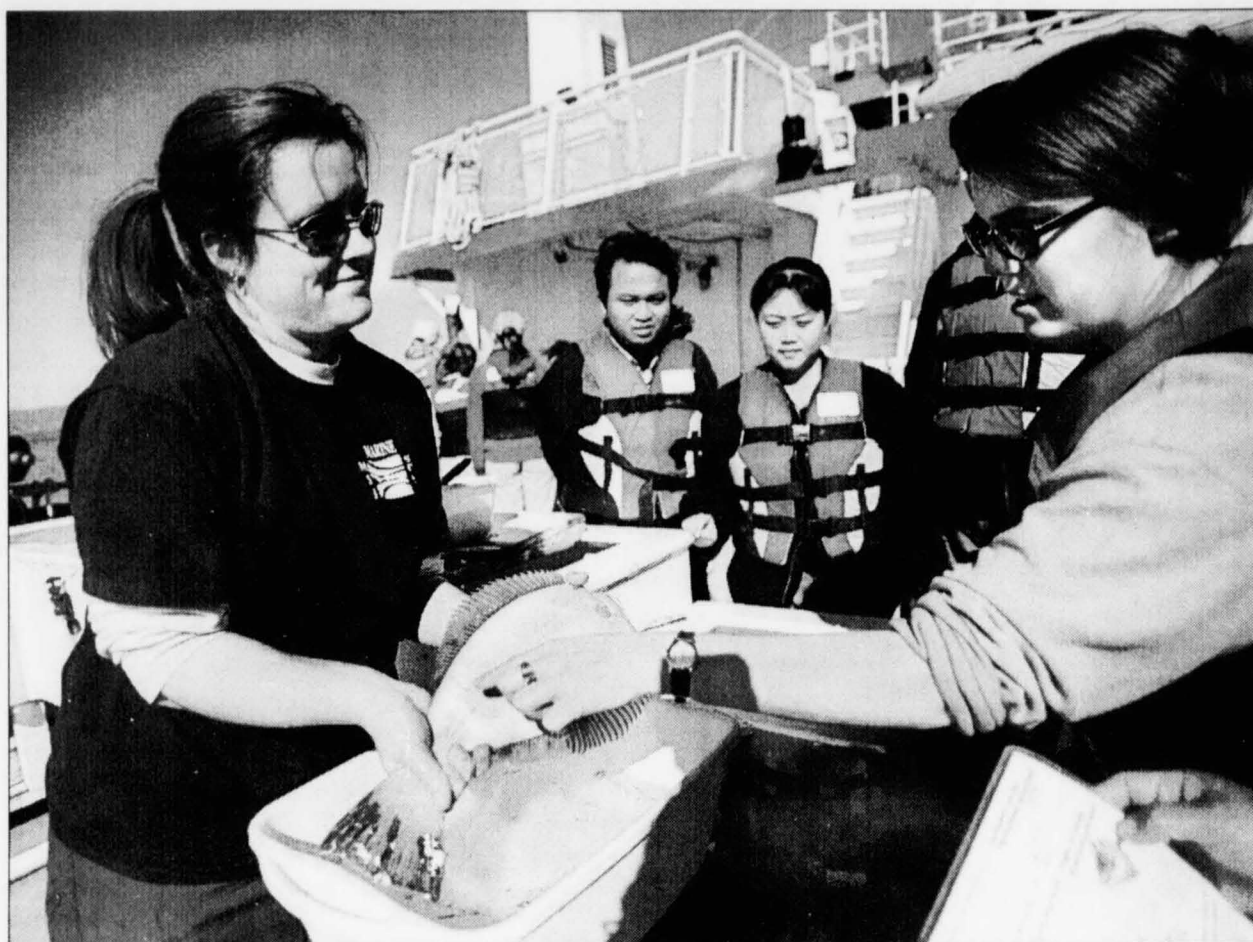
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Right, Rachel Burned right, examines a California halibut being by Ruth Christiansen, an instructor at the Marine Science Institute on Saturday aboard the research vessel Robert G. Brownlee. Members of a San Jose State University general oceanography class examined fish, plankton and various invertebrates with the Marine Science Institute crew.

Top, Chirag Parikh looks at a vial of water collected from the San Francisco Bay during the hydrology portion of the geology class' field trip. The water sample was viewed under a microscope to observe plankton cells.

Fin-tastic Voyage



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RUN: 10k race brings SJSU's cross country team for off-season training

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alumni Geri Wong and Kevin Tso brought their dogs.

This was the first time in the five years that Wong has participated in the event that she decided to walk, instead of run, due to a minor leg injury.

"We decided to bring the dogs out," Wong said. "They haven't seen this many people at one time."

Tso said the Press Run was a fun, local event suitable for Shakey, a Husky/Malamute, and Grandpa, a cocker spaniel.

Vasilyeva Lyudmila and Tatiana Salazar, two professional runners originally from Russia, said they came to California from Seattle to compete in the event. They said this was part of their training.

Lyudmila said she competes in the San Francisco Champion Mile Run for the Kids, and placed first for two years in a row in the overall women's division in 1999 and 2000.

"I'm a one-mile runner," she said. "It was a little long for me."

Still, Lyudmila won \$1,000 for first place in the women's division by completing the 10K, covering more than six miles, in 33 minutes and 35 seconds.

Salazar placed second with a final time of 35 minutes and 11 seconds. She won \$500.

"I wanted to be faster," Salazar said.

Not all runners anticipated winning — some San Jose State University students ran for practice.

During the off-season, the cross-country team manages to keep on running.

Sixteen members of SJSU's team, including co-captain Janina Crain, participated in the 10K Run.

"There's no track during spring," said Crain. "So, we do road races."

Crain said there was a lot of competition in the run.

"Old guys would sprint ahead of me, and when you catch up to them they'll sprint again," she said. "But it's cool, (we're) out there having fun, and people are cheering you on."

Fellow co-captain Ana Martinez said she felt good about supporting a worthy cause: the Community Health partnership.

According to a pamphlet distributed at the event, \$1 of every paid registration was donated to the Community Health Partnership to fund women's health programs.

"It's fun. There's a lot of people (and) good weather," said Martinez. "And it's good we're helping."

This was the third year both Crain and Martinez said they participated in the event.

Some runners, such as Jerry Brito, are in for a comeback.

Brito, an SJSU alumnus, said he was 13 years old when he last participated in the run.

"I forgot how hard it is," said Brito. "I'm looking forward to running next year and beating my time."

GARDEN: Spot is safe for the time, but may be kicked out by occupational therapy department

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"They needed the space and they were going to reclaim it," Gordon said.

She said she was distressed upon hearing the news.

"It meant that this service learning opportunity for my classes was going to be altered," she said. "I was hoping I could move to another place, but when I went to investigate the possible area, (I found) it was being used for graduation ceremonies by another department."

Gordon said she has had trouble finding another area for the garden.

"We don't need a lot of space,

just something with access to sun and water with a fence around it," she said.

Gordon said the Garden Project is important for many reasons.

Working in the garden together gives students a sense of well-being, she said, and empowers them by teaching them about growing their own food and helping the environment.

"The pedagogy is one of the most exciting aspects," Gordon said.

Several students in wheelchairs have benefited from the program, she said, as well as people who are blind, deaf or suffer from ailments such as diabetes.

Burton said the occupational

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therapy department thought that they were going to move a pediatric clinic into the space last year.

The clinic would be used for gross motor activities for children, he said.

"We ended up not having to do it," Burton said. "It's safe for the time being. That really is our

space and if we have to move our pediatric clinic here we'd need it. It doesn't hurt us to have them in there as long as we don't need it."

Students who have grown attached to the garden were also upset when they heard it might have to move, Gordon said, and a group of them started a petition to

keep it where it is.

"My faculty and chair saw it," she said. "It was not widely circulated. We might have gone to the dean with it, but we were waiting to see what was going to happen."

Michelle Hodor, a junior in the nursing department, said she would be upset if the garden had to be relocated.

"I think it would be a bummer if it had to move," Hodor said. "It's right there where the students can get to it."

While the occupational therapy department now has an off-campus pediatric clinic, Burton said the outlook is uncertain.

"It will definitely be taken if we need it," he said.

TIBET: Rally concludes with a skit and the burning of the Chinese flag at the Chinese Consulate

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Tibetan Youth Congress and students from UC Davis.

"The skit shows how China took over and will end with the burning of a Chinese flag," said Dhondup Tsering, the general secretary of the Tibetan Youth Congress.

Tsering was born in India after his parents fled from Tibet in 1959.

Some of the students were dressed in Tibetan clothing to represent Tibet, while other students

had pictures of the Chinese government and flags taped to their chest.

They acted out a small fight scene to show the Chinese as oppressors and then concluded by burning the flag to symbolize the Tibetans' rage and anger for the years of freedom China has robbed from their people.

Tsering said the Tibetan Youth Congress, which is based in San Francisco, is a strictly political group that participates in nonvio-

lent protests for the freedom of Tibet from the communist grip of China.

He added that the congress' main headquarters are in India.

The crowd also chanted "free the Lama," referring to the Pachen Lama, who was kidnapped by the Chinese government in 1995.

Many of the signs the crowd was carrying had pictures of the Pachen Lama when he was 6.

The Pachen Lama is the second highest Lama next to the Dalai

Lama, and according to Vassallo, was reborn and recognized to be a 6-year-old boy by the Dalai Lama in 1995.

The Chinese government then kidnapped the boy and named its own Pachen Lama, who is still there today, Vassallo said.

He said the true Pachen Lama is the youngest political prisoner and, according to the Chinese government, is attending school in Beijing.

Two student representatives from UC Santa Cruz, who chose to

remain anonymous due to political danger, said they as well as many other Tibetans believe that the Pachen Lama has been killed because the Chinese have not shown any proof of his existence.

The Bay Area Friends of Tibet will be throwing another event called Tibet Day 2001 on Saturday, April 17 to display Tibetan Culture.

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LAVAY: SJSU adaptive physical therapy club organized event Wednesday

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tion with the San Jose State University Human Performance Adapted Physical Activity Club, arranged the workshop.

Meggison said Lavay is an expert in adapted physical education.

"He's been involved in it for 20 years," she said.

According to Ramin Naderi, the president of the Adapted Physical Activity Club, most workshop attendees were part of the club,

which was formed a year ago with Meggison's help.

The club is campus-based, and its main intention is to serve as a partisan for the creation and appropriate provision of physical activity and sport opportunities for students with disabilities, according to Naderi.

"We put it together to basically get the adapted physical activity students and graduates together to do activities that help them in their field as far as doing volunteer work in different areas in the val-

ley," Naderi said.

He added that networking and

interacting with others is also a goal for the club.

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